

SURATULFALAQ (113)

The *Suratulfalaq* instructs everyone to seek the protection of the *Rabb* of the dawn and the entire creation against (i) the evil of what He has created, (ii) the evil of the darkness of the night, (iii) the evil of sorcerers and sorceresses and (iv) the evil of an envious person.

Since Allah is the Creator, only His protection, not that of any deities, can be sought. The first verse, therefore, strikes at the root of polytheism and affirms Islamic monotheism as expounded in the *Suratulikhlaas*. The Surah mentions specifically the evil of what He creates or has created. What He creates or has created is for the good of man. But any of His creation may have evil effects, for example, rainfall, wind, vegetation, animals, and matter, in general, may, in their excess or otherwise, result in evil for man. It is Allah, alone, not any deities, Who can ward it off. The third verse mentions the darkness of the night which affords cessation of all the activities, peace and repose for man. But under the cover of darkness, crimes are, also, committed. Allah, alone, can ward off its evil and ensure safety for man. The fourth verse mentions magic powers used by magicians to cause harm or bring misfortune to man. Allah, alone, can ward them off. The fifth verse mentions envy ___ a discontented or resentful longing aroused by another's possessions joined with the desire to possess it ___ as evil because it proceeds from the lack of trust in Allah and has its root in greed and selfishness. It is evil because it is not right and just to possess anything that does not belong to you. A society where envy flourishes is brought to ruin. All the evils against which protection has been instructed to be sought proceed from without, the outside and the person, subjected to them, cannot ward them off except with Allah's help. Hence, the seeking of His protection against them.

SURATULFALAQ

In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

1. Say, "I seek the protection of the *Rabb* of the daybreak / the entire creation,
2. Against the evil (effects) of what He creates,
3. And against the evil (effects) of the darkness of the night when it (intensifies and) spreads over (all the things and hides them),
4. And against the evil (effects) of sorceresses who blow on knots,
5. And against the evil (effects) of an envious person when he envies."

سُورَةُ الْفَلَقِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ ﴿١﴾

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ﴿٢﴾

وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ ﴿٣﴾

وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ ﴿٤﴾

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ ﴿٥﴾